

carrying on research at the University of California Herbarium. Dr. Togashi expects to remain in Berkeley until the middle of October.

After a summer of field work on the Fort Union formation of the Dakotas, Wyoming, and Montana, Dr. R. W. Brown spent the last two weeks of September in Berkeley, California. Dr. Brown is geologist of the United States Geological Survey and paleobotanist in charge of the Smithsonian Institution collection of mesozoic and cenozoic plants.

Dr. H. E. Stork, Professor of Botany, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, is spending his sabbatical year in Berkeley. While here, he is continuing research on tropical woods.

Dr. W. A. Setchell, Professor of Botany, Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley, left on August 5, 1936, for a two months' sojourn in Europe. Dr. Setchell will spend some time at Kew and other botanical institutions.

Dr. George J. Peirce, Professor of Plant Physiology, Emeritus, Stanford University, and Mrs. Peirce, left July 20, 1936, for Europe. They expect to return in December.

George Neville Jones of the Department of Botany, University of Washington, Seattle, made a trip to Alaska this summer to further his studies on the northern flora.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA BOTANICAL SOCIETY

Thursday, January 30, 1936. A meeting was held in Room 2093, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, California, 8:00 P. M. Dr. George J. Peirce, President, occupied the chair. The officers nominated at the previous meeting were elected unanimously. The following amendment was proposed by Dr. David D. Keck, acting for the Council: add to Art. IV, Sec. 2: Any member who pays an annual fee of twenty-five dollars, shall be designated as a "Sustaining Member" and shall have equal rights and powers with each Active Member. The amendment was unanimously approved at the meeting. According to the provisions of the constitution it was subsequently submitted to the entire membership for approval. At the date of writing (August 28, 1936) fifty-seven votes, all in favor of the amendment have been received. The business meeting was followed by a lecture by Professor E. B. Babcock, Division of Genetics, College of Agriculture, University of California, Berkeley, on "Cytogenetics as an Aid in Formulating Taxonomic Concepts." As pointed out by Professor Babcock, studies in the

genus *Crepis* indicate that primitive, diploid species are likely to be restricted in distribution or narrowly endemic, while related polyploid forms are widely distributed. A greater adaptability apparently often accompanies the polyploid condition. About fifty members and guests attended the meeting.

Saturday, February 29, 1936. The annual dinner of the California Botanical Society was held at International House, Piedmont Avenue and Bancroft Way, at 6:00 P.M. The President, Dr. George J. Peirce, acted as toastmaster. Dr. Mason, responding to a toast, gave a short résumé of the progress of the journal during the past year. A musical program was presented by students of Mr. W. W. Carruth of the Department of Music, Mills College. Dr. Peirce then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. F. W. Foxworthy, Forest Research Officer, retired, of the Federated Malay States. The lecture, "A Botanist's First Impressions of Malay," was illustrated. Dr. Foxworthy in the rôle of guide introduced his auditors to this tropical region, summarizing for them the general features of the flora and describing in more detail the characteristics of the three main vegetational areas: the strand, the cut over lands, and the virgin forest.

Saturday, April 4, 1936. A meeting was held in Room 460, Physiology Building, Stanford University, at 8:00 P.M. Dr. James McMurphy of the Department of Botany, Stanford University, was introduced as speaker by President George J. Peirce. Dr. McMurphy gave an illustrated lecture on "The Ages of Live Oaks," presenting very significant data as to the relative ages of live oaks of different sizes and also evidence as to the probable maximum age attained by any individual.—E. CRUM, Secretary.

ERRATA

- Page 31, line 45; omit that.
- Page 33, footnote 2; for Am. Journ. Bot. read Madroño.
- Page 33-40, title, also throughout article; for *microphylla* read *aculeata*.
- Page 36, footnote 4; for Am. Journ. Bot. read Madroño.
- Page 54, line 33; after lilac, *interpolate* or white, veined or blotched with purple, or reddish violet.
- Page 63, line 33; for *grandiflorum* read *purpurascens*.
- Page 223, line 18; omit Institution.
- Page 228; *transpose* line 5 to position between lines 8 and 9.
- Page 245, line 48; for it read is.
- Page 260, line 3; for *microphylla* read *minutifolia*.
- Page 283, line 12; for PUBESCENS read pubescens.